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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) A method of reducing endotoxin induced cytokine production in a human patient suffering from cachexia or body wasting treating or ameliorating body wasting or cachexia in a human patient with liver cirrhosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic renal failure, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis in a patient the method comprising administering to the human patient an effective amount of a compound that is able to reduce the production, absorption and/or the effect of an endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS).
- 2. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising treating, preventing or ameliorating endotoxin-mediated immune activation in body wasting or cachexia in a human patient with liver cirrhosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chromic renal failure, diabetes, rhoumatoid arthritis the method comprising administering to the human patient an effective amount of a compound that is able to reduce the production, absorption and/or the effect of an endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS).

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- 3. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is able to bind to an endotoxin (lipopolysaccharide; LPS) molecule.
- 4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is able to reduce the available endotoxin in the patient.
- 5. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is a bile acid.
- 6. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the bile acid is any one of ursodesoxycholic acid, chemodeoxycholic acid, dehydrocholic acid, cholic acid and deoxycholic acid.

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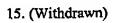
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17. (Withdrawn)

18.(Withdrawn)

- 19. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is a compound named in claim 5 to 16.
- 20. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is administered orally.
- 21. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is administered intravenously.

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22. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is administered rectally.

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